M2528 Sunday 2/2/75
Barn Lunch

I'm always a little bit at a loss to know what to say for a Sunday lunch, because we had the meeting last night and that contained enough information to go with for some time. Maybe it is good we talk about a few practical things.

You know we need co-operation. At the same time, such co operation can be used as an example. I have reference to the school. There are teachers willing to teach, but they are never on time, as a matter os speaking. It means, of course, that there are some who are. And there are ### also some who don't. It creates an atmosphere among the children that they don't trust their teachers. And there are little remarks that are made by them, "What's the use being there ? Because the teacher won't be there anyhow". Such a thing is not right. We're under that kind of scrutiny as the enneagram looking at you; see what you are doing That's a judgement you never will know until there is a reflection within your own heart. If you allow that door to be open, then you will see what you are. But, otherwise, nobody really will tell you because everybody has something wrong with himself. We know that. At the same time, you have to learn how to fight. I would suggest for one week, this coming week, will you make that school do that it ought to run in the way it ought to run ? So that you actually make a special attempt this week, every time, to be on time. And to really behave like a teacher. And to make the children behave. We talked the last time when I was there about discipline. You never will have discipline if you don't become an example of discipline yourself. How can you expect it? I only make a suggestion . It is not that I want to check up on it. Because what the hell is the use for me to do that? It is your conscience that ought to tell you. We are in a group (I hope we are) and we want to work together. And we search for co-operation. Much of January is over . I have to invent a new word for February, I think. What will we call it? Aquarius -

liquidity? Maybe that would be good. Flexibility. Getting rid of your old nature and put something else in it. Prepare it. Buy some parts from objectivity and put them in your machinery. Something of that kind, really, that ought to take place . I, I sit and I get reports from the west coast. It's a little bit of a mess. And I'm sorry. I have to go there to help to straighten it out. Because it seems to be difficult for them to get an opinion that everybody can accept. And maybe when I get there I can convince them at least for one week. But, you see, it is such a pity. To some extent, you have an advantage of at least I get some reports from some people , not very regularly yet, and many things are still not entirely right, we know that. But we can manage because, in a general way, I think there is some progress. It does not mean that we can't make better progress, and we shouldwork for it. But there are many things that are really quite lovely. Take, for instance, the woodworking shop. That is working out beautifully. People really understand what they are there for and the stigma of commercialism is removed. They do that for the sake of wishing to work. And the opportunity is given. Thank God we have it. Craft, not right yet. You know that. There are certain activities that are not right. We have to change But, if we can keep at it and actually wish to do it, there will be a possibility of actually doing it. But, then, we must co-operate. And as I say, you have to be liquid enough to adapt yourself to conditions as they happen to be. Not conditions you would like to create., because you have not much power about that. You can create conditions for yourself. That is a different thing. That is your domain. and your world. You can work in that but you cannot as yet work in the vineyard of the Lord as a whole. That is left to the Lord. Or, that is left to a variety of different influences as channeled through Mother Nature. So I hope that you can understand what I mean. I hope you think about that once in awhile when you are by yourself. And try to remember your day and the different people you have had dealings with, and

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the criticisms that can come out. And then, after that has been expressed, will you let it follow by that what is right and what is good and what you appreciate and what is positive? So that then with that you fall asleep. Actually, at the end of the day, that you leave the day on a note of positivity. It has been a rule in my life that whenever anything happened during the day that was not solved for some reason or other, (settlement of a problem, misunderstanding) that always, before the day was over I tried to do my damndest to get it straightened out so that I could go to sleep with an idea that at least that was attended to and not carry it over into the next day. I think it has been a very good rule. But it did mean flexibility and a wish actually to do something even if one didn't really like it or that one had complaints which were justified. It doesn't matter very much where the mistake is made. The fact that the mistake exists, that is the thing that we should try to counteract. I hope you can work together with each other this afternoon - firewood -it's a good project. Two loads are already here, maybe two more loads. It's wonderful! Those who work with that firewood cutting, they're entitled to firewood . Those who don't work that way, orcould work and don't do it, they really should not think that we make or cut firewood for them. Every person can help in that ,I think, except when you are a littledecrepit or whatever excuse you will make. Well, Anyhow, we're not that bad. You see what I mean? Co-operation exists in very small worlds. It means, really, yes! I will! Of course! No doubt! WE will go ahead! That is co-operation. And I say it is very simple and you don't have to explain it. Alt you have to do is to do it. And that example ofhelp other people who are a little bit wishy-washy about it and don't know, you can convince them by saying, "Come on! Get hold of your 2x4 and help me". We do it when we are in danger or when there is an accident or when there is a fire. When we know it and we can see it. But many times you don't see the small things and even if you did see it, you close your eyes to it because you think it's

not important. The small things are extremely important because that's where you have to start. Your attitude toward small things will determine what you will be able to do later on, with the accumulation of small things which, then, can become bigger and bigger. And, ultimately, that what you wish to attack is your own personality. That's a huge, big affair. A lump of flesh with a hell of a lot of nonsense and stupid ideas in your head and, sometimes, not enough feeling. That's the big thing that you, ultimately, will have to tackle. If we wish to become an individuality on earth, if you wish to strive to become a Soul in Heaven, you have to work with your personality on earth as mush as you can understand it. And I hope, that in that process , all the problems of your karma will be exposed and that you can take one section of a karma, one little part, one after the other, and see if you can be convincingly attentive to see that that what is actually, then, in existence can continue to exist, if you wish, or need not exist also if you wish to eliminate it. It all comes down to one thing; please grow up! The faster you can do it, the better it will be for all concerned. But if you do, do it right. Don't become slipshod in your attempts for wishing to work.

Birthdays come and go, huh, like Aquarius. The liquidity of a birthday.

To Gurdjieff.

And Peter! You're here, I hear. Well, let's hear you.